

**Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council
December 3, 2015**

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed

Cathy Collett, Legislative Assistant

DATE: November 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council 2015 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT

ORIGIN/LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter states:

A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate.

BACKGROUND

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48 Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council includes the following districts:

- District 2 - Preston - Chezzetcook - Eastern Shore (Councillor David Hendsbee)
- District 3 - Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage (Councillor Bill Karsten)
- District 4 - Cole Harbour - Westphal (Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll)
- District 5 - Dartmouth Centre (Councillor Gloria McCluskey)
- District 6 - Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East (vacant)

DISCUSSION

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council met eleven (11) times between December 1, 2014 and November 22, 2015, including two (2) special meetings. The meetings were held at the following locations:

- 6 meetings at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth
- 3 meetings at the HEMDCC Meeting Space, 40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth
- 1 meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion, Eastern Marine Branch #161, 8844 Hwy. #7, Gaetz Brook
- 1 meeting at City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

The following are the meeting dates covered in this report:

1. December 4, 2014
2. December 17, 2014 (special)
3. January 8, 2015
4. February 5, 2015
5. May 14, 2015
6. June 10, 2015
7. July 23, 2015 (special)
8. July 30, 2015
9. September 10, 2015
10. October 1, 2015
11. November 12, 2015

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council business for the period of December 1, 2014 to November 22, 2015 included the following:

- 13 staff reports
- 4 public hearings
- 2 variance appeal hearing
- 4 requests for reports brought forward by members of Community Council (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 2 pieces of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 3 petitions
- 7 presentations from community groups
- 42 speakers during public participation

The following will highlight Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council's business for the period of December 1, 2014 to November 22, 2015.

STAFF REPORTS

December 4, 2014

Case 18288: Development Agreement for a Mixed Residential Development Adjacent to Lake Loon, Westphal

Staff recommendation approved.

Preston Area Watershed Study

Staff recommendation approved.

January 8, 2015

Case 19637: Discharge of Development Agreement – 613 Highway #7

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19266: Substantive Amendment and Discharge of Development Agreement at 174 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved – Public Hearing set for February 5, 2015.

Case 18255: Dartmouth MPS Amendments and Amending Development Agreement 530 Portland Street and 104 Green Village Lane, Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved – Motion passed to schedule a joint Public Hearing with Regional Council and Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council (March 10, 2015 Regional Council).

June 10, 2015

Case 19421: Development Agreement for a Kennel – 343 West Petpeswick Road, West Petpeswick

Motion approved to give Notice of Motion and schedule a public hearing at a special meeting (July 23, 2015).

Case 19399: Lake Echo/Porters Lake Land Use By-law Amendments – reduced off-street parking standards for full service restaurants

Motion approved to give First Reading and schedule a public hearing at a special meeting (July 23, 2015).

Case 18255: Development Agreement for 530 Portland Street and 104 Green Village Lane, Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19600: Non-substantive amendment to the development agreement for lands located on Ochterloney St., Irishtown Rd., and Queen St., Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved with an amendment to enable a 2 year extension of the date of commencement of the development of the existing development agreement.

Case 19864: HRM-initiated application to amend the Dartmouth Land-Use By-law to clarify the number of residential buildings permitted on a lot.

Motion to give First Reading and Schedule a Public Hearing approved (July 30, 2015).

July 30, 2015

Request to Amend the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Addressing the Kuhn Road Area (First reading/Schedule Joint Public Hearing)

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19637: Supplementary Report – Discharge of Development Agreement 613 Highway #7, Westphal

Staff recommendation approved.

November 12, 2015

Case 20132: Rezoning a Portion of Dartmouth Crossing, Dartmouth.
Staff presentation provided. Public Hearing called for December 3, 2015.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

February 5, 2015

Case 19266: Substantive Amendment and Discharge of Development Agreement at 174 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth
Public Hearing held and closed. Supplementary Staff recommendation approved.

July 23, 2015

Case 19421: Development Agreement for a Kennel – 343 West Petpeswick Road, West Petpeswick
Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved to permit a development agreement for an expansion to an existing kennel at 343 West Petpeswick Road, West Petpeswick

Case 19399: Lake Echo/Porters Lake Land Use By-law Amendments – reduced off-street parking standards for full service restaurants.
Public Hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

July 30, 2015

Case 19864: - HRM-initiated application to amend the Dartmouth Land Use By-law to clarify the number of residential buildings permitted on a lot
Public Hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS

January 8, 2015

Case 19262: Appeal of Variance Approval – 2235 Shore Road, Eastern Passage
Variance appeal hearing held and closed. Motion to allow the appeal defeated.

Case 19802: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 7 Cherry Drive, Dartmouth
Variance appeal hearing held and closed. Motion to allow the appeal approved.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL (independent of matters before Community Council)

May 14, 2015

Motion to request a staff report re: Artificial Turf- Eastern Passage High School – Councillor Karsten
Motion passed.

Motion to request a staff report re: Update – Shearwater/Mount Home Connector Road– Councillor Karsten

Motion passed.

Motion to request a supplementary staff report re: full costing of the potential Daylighting of Sawmill River in Dartmouth – Councillor Fisher

Motion passed.

November 12, 2015

Motion to request for a supplementary report regarding the Eastern Passage School Enhancement Project– Councillor Karsten

Motion approved to request a supplementary staff report on the Eastern Passage School Enhancement Project.

CORRESPONDENCE (independent from matters before Community Council)

January 8, 2015

Correspondence received regarding Case 18255: Dartmouth MPS Amendments

Correspondence circulated to members of the Community Council.

May 14, 2015

Correspondence received regarding Information Item No. 2 – Daylight River in Sawmill Creek.

Correspondence circulated to members of the Community Council.

Motion approved that the correspondence be forwarded to staff and the Regional Watersheds Advisory

PETITIONS

February 5, 2015

Petition submitted requesting that the off leash dog area known as Sunrise Beach, Shubie Park be decommissioned. The petition was submitted for a staff report.

July 23, 2015

Petition submitted in support of Cicero's on the Water restaurant.

July 30, 2015

Petition submitted on behalf of the We Love Dartmouth group in support of maintaining the name Dartmouth on municipal signage in Dartmouth.

PRESENTATIONS

December 4, 2014

Wyse Road as a Gateway – *Wyse Society for Sensible Urban Development*

Presentation provided.

**Musquodoboit Vision 2007 Update and Secondary Planning Initiation Request –
Musquodoboit Harbour and Area Community Association**

Presentation provided.

February 5, 2015

Strategy to Advocate for Transit – Main Street Dartmouth Area Business Improvement District
Presentation provided.

May 14, 2015

Proposal for upgrades re: Construction of new Eastern Passage High School – Community Education Enhancement Project (CEEP)
Presentation provided.

July 30, 2015

Halifax District RCMP Policing Priorities and Issues – Halifax District RCMP
Presentation provided.

Presentation of Halifax Regional Police Strategic Plan 2015-2016 – Halifax Regional Police
Presentation provided.

November 12, 2015

Presentation from CEEP – Community Enhancement Education Project
Presentation provided.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

December 4, 2014

- Speaker commented that he is determined that neither the Municipality nor the Province are going to work on restoring lakes in HRM.

February 5, 2015

- Speaker commented on a potential fire safety concern regarding snow removal in the cul-de-sac in which he resides.

May 14, 2015

- Speaker requested details regarding the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and commented on the Daylighting the Sawmill River report and the turbine plan for the Canal Greenway project.
- Speaker commended recent provincial and municipal appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners.
- Six (6) Speakers thanked the Community Council for their work on Sawmill River and commented that they are in favour of daylighting the river.
- Speaker commented on issues he found with the staff report on Sawmill River.
- Speaker expressed surprise that staff did not recommend meeting with a non-profit organization closely aligned with the issue.
- Speaker indicated the staff report on Sawmill River does not contain the appropriate information.

July 23, 2015

- Speaker commented that she enjoys having Cicero's restaurant in the local community.

- Speaker expressed concerns with the off-leash dog park in Shubie Park.
- Five (5) Speakers expressed concern with the new branding program and the Halifax logo on Dartmouth landmarks.

July 30, 2015

- Speaker questioned what effect the proposed amendment to the Dartmouth Land Use By-law would have on people experiencing houselessness.
- Speaker questioned what effect the proposed amendment to the Dartmouth Land Use By-law would have on rooming houses.

September 10, 2015

- Eight (8) Speakers spoke on behalf of the We Love Dartmouth group calling for an end of the rebranding of HRM.
- Speaker commented of the issue of noise and dog waste at the off-leash dog park in Shubie Park.
- Speaker commented that Elections Canada has indicated that HRM is responsible for the issues regarding civic addresses on voter registration.
- Speaker expressed concern that voters may be turned away if proper addresses cannot be confirmed.

October 1, 2015

- Speaker noted that the presentation on the budget only referenced the Halifax logo and questioned if the budget will only apply to the Halifax side of the municipality
- Speaker commented that he does not mind paying taxes for the services he receives and finds the analogy between a home owner budget and a fiscal budget very helpful.
- Three (3) Speakers commented on their concerns regarding the Municipal rebranding project.
- Speaker spoke about his concerns with the off-leash dog park in Shubie Park.
- Speaker commented that she finds the boundaries between off-leash and on-leash parks confusing.

November 12, 2015

- Speaker spoke on behalf of the Coalition to Preserve Community Identity in HRM and called for Regional Council to revisit the re-branding report.
- Speaker referenced the Halifax Branding Study and called for evidence-based policy in HRM.

INFORMATION REPORTS

May 14, 2015

Daylight River in Sawmill Creek – staff information report dated May 1, 2015

OTHER ITEMS

December 4, 2014

Approval of the 2015 Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for 2015 was approved.

Tabling of the 2014 Annual Report

2014 Annual Report accepted as presented.

Citizen Nominations to Boards and Committees

The Community Council nominated: one citizen member to the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee; Three citizen members to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission; One citizen member to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board. The citizen nominations were released to the public following the ratification and notification of the successful candidates.

December 17, 2014

Appointment of one citizen to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission

The Community Council appointed one citizen to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission In Camera and ratified the appointment in public session.

July 30, 2015

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September 10, 2015

Update to Dartmouth Land-Use By-Law

Staff provided an update regarding housekeeping amendments to the Dartmouth Land Use By-law.

October 1, 2015

2016-2017 Budget Consultation

Presentation provided, three (3) members of the public commented on the presentation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Council meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise stated in the agenda. Each regular meeting includes a Public Participation portion at the end of each agenda, which provides an opportunity for citizens to pose questions or provide comments to Councillors, through the Chair. Minutes, agendas and reports are available on the HRM website and from the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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